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LIMA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH

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SUBJ: WAIVER OF FMS AND FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS

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1. PURSUANT ARRANGEMENT REPORTED REF B, I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES AT 3:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 6. AFTER INITIAL PLEASANTRIES I SUGGESTED I MAKE SAME PRESENTATION TO HIM MADE TO PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA ON JANUARY 29, WHICH I PROCEEDED TO DO. FONMIN HEARD ME THROUGH AND THEN ASKED ME IF THERE WERE ANY NEW ELEMENT IN WHAT WE WERE PROPOSING. SPECIFICALLY, HE WONDERED WHETHER I WAS PROPOSING A RESUMPTION OF THE ADJOURNED BUENOS AIRES TALKS OF 1969 OR A RESUMPTION OF OUR PREVIOUS BILATERAL TALKS. IN THE LATTER INSTANCE, ECUADOR WOULD AT SOME POINT HAVE TO INFORM ITS ASSOCIATES, PERU AND CHILE: THIS NEED NOT, OF COURSE, TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE TALKS HAD PROGRESSED SOMEWHAT.

2. I REPLIED THAT THE NEW ELEMENT WE WERE PROPOSING TO
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DISCUSS WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT

("ARREGLO INTERINO"), AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND ECUADOREAN FISHING INDUSTRIES WHICH, IF IT COULD BE ACHIEVED, WOULD LEAVE TO ONE SIDE THE JURIDICAL AND OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN TREATED IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS. I THEN EXPLAINED IN GREATER DETAIL WHAT KIND OF PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS WE ENVISAGED.

3. LUCIO PAREDES MADE A BRIEF REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT OUR VARIOUS LAWS STILL REMAINED AS "A SWORD HANGING OVER OUR HEADS", BUT QUICKLY ADDED THAT THE MEASURES WE HAD TAKEN IN WAIVING THE FPA DEDUCTIONS, REMOVING THE VAN DEERLIN AMENDMENT, AND NOW WAIVING THE FMS WERE VERY POSITIVE STEPS INDEED. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION HE SAID THAT THE IDEA I WAS PROPOSING WAS THE ONE WHICH HE HAD PUT FORTH AT THE MINISTRY IN 1968: I REPLIED THAT WE WERE SLOW AND WERE JUST NOW TAKING UP THE IDEA. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME IN DUE COURSE ABOUT WHO WOULD HEAD THESE TALKS FOR THE MINISTRY. INsofar AS OTHER AGENCIES OF THE GOE WERE CONCERNED, FONMIN THOUGHT THAT COMMANDER RIVANDENEIRA (UNDER SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES) AND TAMARIZ (HEAD OF THE ECUADOREAN NATIONAL FISHING COMPANY) SHOULD BE MEMBERS.

4. I RECURRED TO THEM THAT I HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT AN "ARREGLO INTERINO" WHICH WOULD LEAVE TO ONE SIDE THE JURIDICAL ISSUES WITH WHICH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY WRESTLED: THE MINISTER SAID YES, IF WE COULD DO THAT IT WOULD LEAVE OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS FROZEN ("CONGELADO") UNTIL THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. I REPLIED THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY OUR IDEA AND OUR HOPE.

5. COMMENT: AFTER SOME INITIAL CONFUSION ABOUT THE NATURE OF OUR PROPOSAL WE ARRIVED AT A COMMON UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT WAS BEING PROPOSED AND HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED. WE WERE RIGHT, HOWEVER, TO SURFACE THIS PROPOSAL FIRST WITH PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ AND OBTAIN HIS ASSENT BEFORE APPROACHING THE SOMEWHAT MORE LEGALISTICALLY MINDED MINISTER.
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